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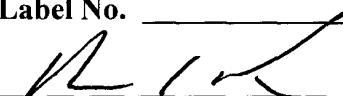
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- TWENTY-THREE (23) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1 - 23.
- An Assignment of the invention to Fuji Electric Co., Ltd..
- The application claims priority from Japanese Application(s):  
2002-259287 filed September 4, 2002;    2002-306144 filed October 21, 2002;  
2003-031415 filed February 7, 2003;    2003-144092 filed May 21, 2003.
- Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement.

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